

P R O C E E D I N G S
 BOARD OF EDUCATION NO. 600
 SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
 REGULAR MEETING
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
 7:30 P.M. SCHS BOARD ROOM

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District #600 was called to order by President Eric Bandy at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 15, 2021. Board members present were Eric Bandy, Marla Tolliver, Kyle Ambuehl, Diane Eller, Mike McKinzie, Sarah Meador, and Joe Telford. Board members absent were - none.

Administrators present: Superintendent Detering, Principal Boles and Asst. Principal Wolfe.

Visitors Present: Katie Steffen and reporters from Salem Times Commoner, Centralia Sentinel and WJBD Radio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The minutes from the regular Board meeting on October 18, 2021, was approved as read.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA– There were no adjustments to the Agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM– There was no one present requesting to speak to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – Supt. Detering presented the Board with a letter of retirement as a JV Baseball Coach and a request for approval to be a Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach from Jeff Malone. He also presented a thank you letter from SSM Health for the donation in memory of Harold Woodruff.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION & APPROVE VOLUNTEER COACH FROM ASST. BASEBALL COACH

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Marla Tolliver to accept a letter of resignation from Jeff Malone as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach and approve Jeff Malone as a Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach.

Vote: Tolliver-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Telford-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Bandy-yes; Meador-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Kyle Ambuehl to receive the treasurer’s report and file it for audit.

Vote: Ambuehl-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Bandy-yes; Meador-yes; Telford-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carries.

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Joe Telford to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Vote: Telford-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Meador-yes; Eller-yes; Bandy-yes; McKinzie-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carries.

TENTATIVE TAX LEVY FOR 2021

Supt. Detering stated that we will submit the final tax levy at the December Board Meeting. He reported that we need to adopt a tentative tax levy and determine as to whether or not we will need a truth in taxation hearing. Supt. Detering reported that we received the preliminary numbers from the County Clerk's office. He is recommending a 3.9% increase to the tax levy. The CPI is around 1.43% and there is not enough new property to warrant going over 5% and a truth-in-taxation hearing is not needed. The actual levy will come out to be around 2.72% and the tax rate will be about the same as last year. Discussion was held.

MOTION: TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE TAX LEVY FOR 2021

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Eric Bandy to adopt a tentative Tax Levy for 2021 not to exceed 3.9%.

Vote: Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-no; Tolliver-yes; Ambuehl-yes. Motion carries

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Asst. Principal Wolfe presented the attendance report for the month of October, showing 92.03% ADA. AP Wolfe also reported the following activity for the Month of October: 103 contacts with 70 different students; 37 general conferences with 34 students; 30 crisis classes given to 26 students; 9 after school detentions given to 9 students; 13 lunch detentions given to 13 students; 2 AP/Student Services Mediations with 2 students; 1 Saturday School; 11 out of school suspensions for 10 students. Discussion was held.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Boles reported that this years' canned food drive will end this Friday. Our annual Thanksgiving Lunch in the SCHS Cafeteria will be this Wednesday. The Fall Play performances were held last weekend and will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The National Honor Society inducted 14 new members.

Principal Boles reported on Winter Sports: In Boys' Bowling – congratulations to Nick Gregg for bowling a perfect 300. The Greater Area Salem Foundation held the Meet the

Wildcats/Lady Cats this past Saturday. Girls Basketball Thanksgiving Tournament starts this Thursday and the Varsity Boys' Basketball team will play in the Capital Classic on November 26.

He reported that the Curriculum Committee met. Discussion was held regarding Math Essentials Class, credits for Vocational Class and the afterschool Credit Recovery Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – COVID UPDATE – Supt. Detering reported that as of Friday morning, we have 9 students excluded from school. 2 positive, 2 pending results and 5 excluded due to a household contact. He reported that if we were using our Return to Learn plan from the summer, this would place us in a “Masks Recommended” position. Discussion was held. BUS PURCHASE - Supt. Detering reported that we are looking at purchasing 6 new buses and trading in 3 of our older ones. He provided information to the Board that shows the total cost with trade-ins. The new buses would include air conditioning and also video cameras, both interior and exterior. Discussion was held. HEALTH-LIFE SAFETY SURVEY – Supt. Detering reported that we have an amendment to the HLS survey that will include new lighting. This will allow us to use HLS funds to cover the costs. We have already approved the majority of the lighting projects and this will give us more flexibility in paying for the project. We are also looking to add the cafeteria and vocational areas to the project. Discussion was held. AMERESCO – Supt. Detering reported that we have an amendment to the performance contract that will need to be approved to upgrade the lighting in the cafeteria and the vocational areas. We are excluding the ceiling in the kitchen as we want to include that as a part of a larger overhaul of the kitchen area in the near future. He provided an overview of the project that will cost \$251,170. Discussion was held.

MOTION: TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Sarah Meador to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes, and the employment, performance and compensation of specific personnel at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: Meador-yes; Tolliver-yes; McKinzie-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Telford-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Diane Eller to return to open session at 8:56 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Kyle Ambuehl to approve the October 18, 2021 closed session minutes.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF BUSES

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Joe Telford to approve the purchase of 6 buses from Midwest Bus Sales at a cost of \$658,643.88 before trade-ins.

Vote: Telford-yes; Tolliver-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Ambuehl-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 28 TO THE HEALTH LIFE SAFETY SURVEY

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Joe Telford to approve Amendment 28 to the Health Life Safety Survey.

Vote: Telford-yes; Tolliver-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; Ambuehl-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 10 TO THE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH AMERESCO

Motion was made by Diane Eller and seconded by Kyle Ambuehl to approve Amendment 10 to the performance contract with Ameresco for the purpose of new lights and ceilings in the cafeteria and vocational areas.

Vote: Ambuehl-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Tolliver-yes; Telford-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO EMPLOY SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Motion was made by Joe Telford and seconded by Mike McKinzie to employ Allison West as a school social worker for the second semester of the 2021-22 school year, pending licensure.

Vote: McKinzie-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; Tolliver-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Telford-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPOINT BOARD PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Marla Tolliver to appoint Board President Eric Bandy to preside over a student discipline hearing.

Vote: Tolliver-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Telford-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Ambuehl to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline at 8:59 p.m.

Vote: Ambuehl-yes; Tolliver-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; McKinzie-yes; Morris-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to return to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: THAT STUDENT IS GUILTY OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR AND GROSS DISOBEDIENCE AND MISCONDUCT

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie that student #24000221 is guilty of repeated acts of aggressive behavior as outline in the school hand book and guilty of gross disobedience and misconduct as outlined in Salem community High School Board of Education policy #7.190.

Vote: McKinzie-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; Telford-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Joe Telford to return to closed session for the purpose of hearing arguments related to the consequences for the actions of student #24000221 at 9:12 p.m.

Vote: Telford-yes; Bandy-yes; Tolliver-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Eller-yes; Meador-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Sarah Meador to return to open session at 9:16 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: THAT STUDENT BE EXPELLED

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Sarah Meador that student #24000221 having been found guilty of repeated acts of aggressive behavior as outlined in the school handbook and guilty of gross disobedience and misconduct as outlined in Salem community High School Board of Education policy #7.190 be expelled from school, school grounds, and any school activity for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Vote: Meador-yes; Ambuehl-yes; Bandy-yes; Eller-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular November Board meeting at 9:19 p.m.

(Date Approved)

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)